

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1496 – SB 1750

February 18, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DOS) to appoint and commission peace officers, to be known as state facility protection officers, for the purpose of protecting state officials and state employees, as well as state property or state buildings located in Davidson County, by allowing such protection officers to carry firearms. Requires any commissioned state facility protection officer to be an employee of a security company that is under contract with the state of Tennessee and licensed under the Private Protective Services Licensing and Regulatory Act. Establishes criteria for individuals to become a state facility protection officer.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012714): Makes two technical corrections to the original bill without making any substantive changes.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to DOS, this bill will allow the department to commission and appoint peace officers, who are employed with a vendor under contract with the state of Tennessee, as state facility protection officers for the exclusive purpose of authorizing such officers to carry a handgun to carry out their duties as armed guards.
- DOS indicates this bill will not authorize the department to utilize any existing contract for the purpose of procuring additional armed guards for DOS purposes.
- DOS indicates minimal expense for the purpose of providing identification cards to any such commissioned officers.

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- Any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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